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What joins us is greater than what divides us.

Some sites listed here are open for free as part of Doors Open Days. Check out [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk) to find out more and see where else you can explore this September.

Ever wondered what connects the Dutch to Dalkeith, or Ireland to Iona?

We've mapped the connections between Scotland and 27 European countries. You will see that our shared culture and heritage takes many different forms, shapes and sizes, from ancient fortifications to genetically engineered goats!

Head to the sites in September, snap a photo and tag us on social media to be entered in a raffle to win a prize! Every site you tag increases your chance of winning.

## AUSTRIA



### THE GLASGOW GUILD

265 Renfrew Street, Glasgow G3 6TT

The Glasgow Guild has partnered with Austrian fabric company Backhausen using designs from their archive. The originals were by Viennese Secessionist artists, who shared many of the same influences as members of the Scottish Art Nouveau movement.

## BELGIUM



### HIGHLAND FOLK MUSEUM

Aultlarie Croft, Newtonmore PH20 1AY

You don't need a TARDIS to travel back through time! Explore an 18th century township and 1930s croft at Britain's first open air museum. The museum's founder, Dr Isabel Grant, was inspired by European open air museums including the Musée Plantin in Antwerp.

## BULGARIA



### DENS PARK

Sandeman Street, Dundee DD3 7JY

Dundee is the home of Scotland's largest Bulgarian community. Bulgarian Kostadin Gadzhalov played for Dundee F.C., debuting with a 4-1 win over Motherwell in 2015. Along with a love of football, the two countries also share a tradition of piping!

## CROATIA



### CELTIC PARK

Parkhead, Glasgow G40 3RE

### IBROX STADIUM

150 Edmiston Drive, Glasgow G51 2XD

Two footballers remain friends despite being Old Firm rivals on the pitch. Nikola Katić (Rangers F.C.) and Filip Benković (Celtic F.C.), both play for Croatia's national football team.

## REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS



### THE ROSLIN INSTITUTE

University of Edinburgh EH25 9RG

Say cheese! The U.K. is the largest export market for Cypriot halloumi cheese. In 2017, concerns arose about a shortage of halloumi. Researchers at the Roslin Institute worked to increase milk production in Cypriot goats and sheep to make sure nobody went short.

## CZECH REPUBLIC



### KELVINGROVE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM

Argyle Street, Glasgow G3 8AG

Czech artist Alphonse Mucha is synonymous with the Art Nouveau movement, a style made famous in Scotland by 'The Four'. Czech out work by C.R. Mackintosh, M.M Mackintosh, F. Macdonald and J.H. MacNair.

## DENMARK



### SHETLAND MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0WP

Did you know Shetland was once part of Denmark? In 1469, Margaret of Denmark married James III of Scotland to quell international tension. Short of dowry money, Margaret's family pledged Shetland as collateral.

## ESTONIA



### EX TERRA STATUE

Church Street, Glenrothes

Visit Ex Terra Vis, a sculpture by Benno Schotz. Born in Estonia, Schotz made Scotland his home in 1912 and studied at the Glasgow School of Art. "Ex Terra Vis" is Latin for "from the earth comes life" and relates to Glenrothes' mining heritage.

## FINLAND



### THE ROCK STOP

Old School House, Unapool, IV27 4HW

In the late 19th century, Finnish geologists came to Scotland to learn about geological mapping. This visitor centre at the Northwest Highlands Geopark has loads of amazing information about Scotland's geological history.

## FRANCE



### BEAULY PRIORY

Beaulieu IV4 7DY

Beaulieu Priory was founded in 1230 by monks who came from an area near Dijon, France. Visit the priory and the village, which owes its name to this French connection. "Beau lieu", meaning "beautiful place", was anglicised to "Beaulieu".

## GERMANY



### STOBS MILITARY CAMP

B6399, Hawick TD9 9SQ

Stobs Camp was a WWI prisoner of war and internment camp where an average of 4,500 German prisoners were interred. A memorial to those who died in the camp was recently rebuilt. Tours are available on 14th September - visit [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk) for details.

## GREECE



### JOHNSTONE MAUSOLEUM

Westerkirk Parish Church, Bentpath, DG13 0PB

The mausoleum was designed by Robert Adam in 1790, a leading figure in the Scottish Neoclassical movement. The mausoleum has Doric columns, a frieze, and architectural elements borrowed from Classical Greek architecture.

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## HUNGARY

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### DUNSCORE HERITAGE CENTRE

*Dunscore Church, Dumfries DG2 0SZ*  
Celebrate the life of amazing local hero, Jane Haining. Haining was a matron at a school in Budapest during WWII, where some of the children were Jewish. Having refused to leave the children, she was arrested and died in Auschwitz.

## IRELAND

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### IONA ABBEY

*Lambholm, Orkney, KW17 2RT*  
Irish monk St. Columba came to Iona in AD 563 and established a monastery. The island remains a site of pilgrimage for Christians to this day. Hop on a ferry to the abbey, where you can see Scotland's finest collection of early medieval carved stones and crosses.

## ITALY

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### THE ITALIAN CHAPEL

*Lamb Holm, Orkney KW17 2SFT*  
This stunning chapel was constructed by Italian prisoners of war during WWII. The lead artist on the project, who was a prisoner of war, originated from Moena in Italy. The two towns maintain strong ties of friendship to this day.

## LATVIA

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### ARMITSTEAD HOUSE

*94 Monifieth Road, Dundee DD5 2SJ*  
In the 1840s, Latvian George Armitstead settled in Dundee, and became a benefactor of the city. The Armitstead Trust purchased Armitstead House in 1930 as a children's hospital. The site is now being restored and converted for new uses.

## LITHUANIA

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### SCOTTISH BOOK TRUST

*55 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1SR*  
An interesting, and yet widely unknown cultural connection, is that between the Scottish Book Trust and a school in Šilutė, Lithuania. In 1993 and 1995 the Trust donated books to the school, which was changing from instruction in Russian to English.

## LUXEMBOURG

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### STIRLING HIGH SCHOOL

*Torbrex Farm Road, Stirling FK8 2PA*  
David Sloan, founder of Scottish Samaritans, was inspired to establish the emotional support helpline after hearing about a priest's scheme to tackle suicide on Radio Luxembourg. Sloan spent his life helping others and was deputy headmaster of Stirling High School.

## MALTA

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### ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

*7 Glenearn Road, Perth PH2 0BD*  
In 2019, this church opened its doors for a Maltese religious holiday. St. Paul's Feast Day (10th February) marks the start of spring and also the day that the saint was shipwrecked and brought Christianity to the island of Malta.

## THE NETHERLANDS

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### COULTER MOTTE

*Near Biggar, Lanarkshire ML12 6FF*  
'Mottes' are mounds that formed the site of a castle or fort and can be found across Scotland. This motte is believed to have been built by Flemish immigrants in the 12th century who came from what is now known as the Netherlands.

## POLAND

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### THE GREAT POLISH MAP OF SCOTLAND

*Barony Castle Hotel, Old Manse Road, Peebles, EH45 8QW*  
Visit the largest outdoor relief map in the world! This 3D, concrete scale map of Scotland was built by a group of Polish immigrants and exchange students over six summers, from 1974 to 1979.

## PORTUGAL

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### ARNISH LIGHTHOUSE

*The Arnish Road, Isle of Lewis, HS2 9JY*  
In 2008, Scottish-built wave energy technology installed off the Portuguese coast was the world's first commercial scale wave farm. Stop by the Arnish Point Lighthouse, where you can look out over the waves and the development park where this technology was made.

## ROMANIA

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### ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

*Former Buccleuch Parish Church, 33 Chapel Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9AY*  
Many Romanians living in the U.K. follow the Orthodox Church. This inclusive pan-orthodox church is a hub for the local community and holds services in English, Romanian, Greek, and Slavonic.

## SLOVAKIA & CZECH REP.

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### MEMORIAL TO CZECHOSLOVAK SOLDIERS

*B8008, Arisaig, PH39 4NH*  
This memorial commemorates the Slovak and Czech soldiers who trained with the British Special Operations Executive near Arisaig in 1941-1943. It remembers the brave actions of trainees, many of whom were parachuted behind enemy lines.

## SLOVENIA

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### ROBERT BURNS BIRTHPLACE

*Murdoch's Lone, Ayr KA7 4PQ*  
*Slovenes who hae?* Slovenian poet France Prešeren and Scottish poet Robert Burns have lots in common: both had peasant backgrounds, became lawyers, and stirred nationalist feelings writing in their vernacular language. They were both also known to like women and drinking!

## SPAIN

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### BOB COONEY YELLOW PLAQUE

*Castle Street, Aberdeen AB11 5BG*  
Bob Cooney, a prominent Aberdonian communist, volunteered for the International Brigade in the Spanish Civil War to fight against fascism. Castlegate was a centre for radical street politics and debates during the early 20th century.

## SWEDEN

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### THE CALEDONIAN CANAL CENTRE

*Canalside, Fort Augustus, PH32 4BA*  
Scottish architect Thomas Telford was asked to draw up plans for the Göta Canal in Sweden after his success building the Caledonian Canal. Enjoy a visit to the centre to learn more and take in stunning Highland scenery.

### Did you know...?

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